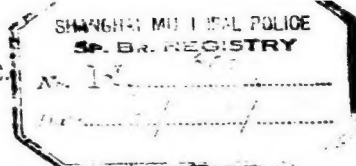


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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT



Special Branch Station. File No. Date October 11, 1941

SUBJECT: Karl Wilhelm LOWY alias Charles W. LOVY -
Communication dated October 8, 1941 from
Headmaster of Cathedral School, Shanghai.

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Karl Wilhelm LOWY
Head-
Cathedral
School
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Karl Wilhelm LOWY, Austrian Jewish
refugee, born in Vienna on June 25, 1910, arrived
in Shanghai from Europe in May 1939 with his wife
Lily. Since June 1939 he has been working as
translator, proofreader and reporter with Revue
Nationale Chinoise, 2004 Bubbling Well Road. He
is well spoken of by this organization. He is
a teacher of languages by profession and has a
good knowledge of English, French, Italian and
Spanish in addition to his mother tongue. He is
also reported to be a correspondent of a number
of Swiss journals and in addition to using his
own name, also utilizes the pen-name of Klemens
Diez.

Nothing is known by this office
that would in any way reflect to his discredit.
His political inclinations are difficult to
determine but in responsible circles he is
reported to be anti-Nazi in his convictions.

A.C. Pines

D.S.I.

A.C. (Special Branch).



TELEPHONE: 24328



Cathedral School

HENRY LESTER ENDOWMENT.
39 MYSBURGH ROAD,
SHANGHAI.

Special Branch,
S.M.F.

Dear Sirs,

In July last you kindly made enquiries for me in connection with candidates for the post of Science Master here. I wonder ~~if you could be~~ so very kind as to advise me again - this time for a French Master ?

The man I have in view is Charles W. Lovy, 35E Brenan Rd. 2nd Floor. He tells me that he has been in Shanghai 2 1/2 years, & that, though Austrian, he has a German "J" Passport. He writes as follows :-

"I am 31 years old, a graduate of Paris and Vienna universities (Ph.D.), and have passed the written examination for teachers at Austrian second-ary schools. I have been teacher at the governmental college and at the Berlitz School of Languages in Le Havre, France, and am at present English and French instructor at a Chinese school. Having done some journalistic work for the past ten years, I am moreover connected with the French lan-guage monthly Revue Nationale Chinoise. I shall be glad to show you my testimonials and certificates."

I have interviewed him, and he seems quite suitable ; do you happen to know anything about him ? Of course I will treat as confidential anything you may be able to tell me about him.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours faithfully,

P. C. Matthews

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Headmaster.

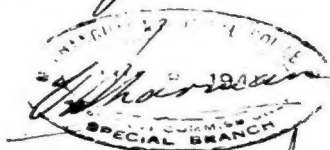


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D. S. I. Pitts.

Will you
please hand copies
to the Rev. Matthews
confidentially?



Sir, instructions
complied with.

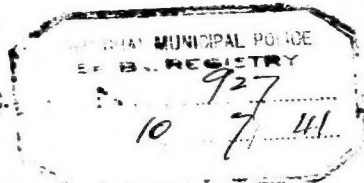
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT



Special Branch Station. File No. Date July 7, 1941

SUBJECT: Communication dated June 22, 1941 from Cathedral School, Shanghai - Post of Science and Mathematics master.

Enquiries made by this office indicate that of the three persons mentioned in the Reverend P. C. Matthews' letter, Dr. B. SILBERSTEIN is best suited to fill the vacant mastership. The following details have been unearthed regarding this individual:

Dr. SILBERSTEIN was apparently one of the wise refugees who left Germany before it became absolutely imperative. He came to China in 1934 and secured work in a Tientsin hospital which seems a fairly good indication both of his professional competence and his general character when it is realized that he held this post for over three years. As far as can be ascertained he lost this position only because there were Chinese who would undertake the work he was doing and they were preferred to a European. After coming to Shanghai in 1937 a post was found for him in the Methodists' Mission Hospital in Pingliang, Hunan and Dr. SILBERSTEIN stayed there until it was demolished by airplane bombing. As far as his ~~xxxxxx~~ service in Pingliang was concerned, the only adverse reports received of him concern his ability as a surgeon. This was more the fault of his training than anything else. This is due to the defects of the system of training current in Germany that medical men are not given adequate opportunities for acquiring

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operating experience. As an internist or as a member of a large hospital staff Dr. SILBERSTEIN would probably have been perfectly satisfactory. Doctors in places such as Pingliang are required who can do almost anything at a pinch. This apparently is the reason why he has been unable to find other hospital employment.

He seems to be an unassuming, modest type of person likely to co-operate with a group of other masters in satisfactory style. Besides his medical qualifications he holds the degree of M.A. References have been seen which state that he is well qualified to teach various subjects in schools of middle-class standard. He seems to have a good basic knowledge of the subjects required and is the type of man who would be sufficiently conscientious to bring himself up-to-date in any matters where his competence was at present open to question.

There is no question that he is a Jew by race but no evidence is available to suggest that he is anything but profoundly anti-Nazi in his political beliefs.

He has managed to remain independent in Shanghai though he has never been in possession of a good enough income to allow his wife to give up her position as a school teacher in Tientsin in order to join him in Shanghai.

Nothing is known by this office that would reflect adversely to his credit.

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Dr. Kurt GRAFTMANN is not a fully fledged doctor but a "doctor's assistant." Though he appears an able and well-qualified man from a teaching point of view, the fact remains that according to his own statement he has been an inmate of Dachau Concentration Camp, release from which can only be secured under certain circumstances which nearly always include the signing of a document or documents stating that the prisoner concerned will do nothing to hinder the progress of the Nazi machine but on the contrary suitably assist it in its march forward. While there are instances of political prisoners released from concentration camps doing their utmost to work against Nazism, the experience of this office has been such as distrust anybody who has been in any concentration camp in Nazi occupied territory.

Nothing is known by this office that would reflect to Dr. GRAFTMANN'S discredit.

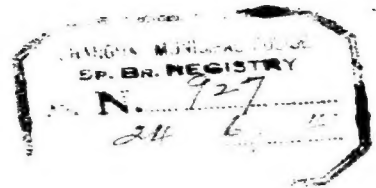
10 7 2 In regard to Dr. DRUCKER this person is well spoken of in refugee circles. He is said to be an excellent tutor and teacher but it would seem that his talents are better suited to the teaching of students far more advanced than the curriculum at the Cathedral School at present allows. Nothing can be secured locally about his modus vivendi in Europe although it has to be mentioned that nothing is known to his discredit in Shanghai.

J. P. Price
D.S.I.

A.C. (Special Branch).

D.S. Petto
inquires S.I.
will assist if
necessary

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June 23,

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Rev. P.C. Matthews, M.A.:
Headmaster,
Cathedral Boys' School,
SHANGHAI.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Special Branch will see what they can
find out and will make ^xtouch with you direct.
I feel the character of a Master justifies full
enquiry, but unless the applicants have been here
some time, we can probably obtain rather super-
ficial information.^{only}

Yours sincerely:

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K. M. BOURNE
Commissioner of Police.

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TELEPHONE: 34328



Cathedral School

HENRY LESTER MEMORIAL
39 MYBURGH ROAD,
SARUM HAMP. POLICE

22nd June 1941

No. N. 927
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Major K.M.Bourne, C.B.E., M.C.

Dear Major Bourne,

I have been advertising for a Science & Maths. Master for September, and, as I expected, I find that (apart from one Chinese) only refugees applied. From the various applications I have received, three appear to be the most suitable:-

- (1) B.Silberstein, M.D., 153-C Rte des Soeurs, Apt.15. Aged 52, born at Dt.Eylau "in the former corridor between Germany and Poland" - but his family have many connections with England & have in several ~~occasions~~ instances married Englishmen. He was at the Universities of Berlin, Paris, Bonn & Cologne, and came out to China in 1934 ; he has been at Pingkiang, Hunan, at the English Methodist's Mission's Hospital, until it was bombed by the Japanese. He gives as local references Rev. C.L.Boynton & Dr. Hodgins, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Rd. Though more of a doctor than a teacher, I rather favour him - he speaks very good English, and appears a really cultured man.
- (2) Dr. Kurt Graftmann, 165-167 Chaoufoong Rd, 3rd Floor. Aged 29, married. Free Austrian, Czech mother & Austrian father. Vienna University; "imprisoned", after Austria's invasion by Herr Hitler, because of my democratic attitude, and I was sent to the well-known concentration camp, Dachau. I suffered, for nearly 1½ years, from this "cultural" institution and I was released because I signed to leave Austria for ever." Has been 2 years here ; registered at the S.M.C.Educ. Dept (FA-6/40) ; recommended by Mr. A.T.Cox (who speaks well of him), Mr P.B.Joly, C.M.C. & Mr. Greiner, Navy Y.M.C.A.) A very likely choice, too.
- (3) Dr. Drucker, 609 E.Seward Rd, house 16 ; aged about 50, at present has a part-time post at St. John's, where he teaches post-graduate classes; German Jew, I think - but I would only choose him if both the others proved unsuitable - especially as he much wants to keep on at St. John's, where he has been some time.

I should be very grateful indeed if you could give me any information or advice about these men ; their references, after all, can only speak from superficial knowledge, naturally.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours sincerely,

AC(SpB-1)

P. C. Matthews

Please make enquiries & make

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from - Rev P.C. Matthews

